

# READING LIST

## PART 1

Below is a set of reading lists to help you prepare for the advanced reading material on the SAT. We have arranged these lists by grade level and subject, including literature, science, and social science. We've also included historical documents from two subject areas included on the SAT: the Founding Documents and the Great Global Conversation.

Look over the list and start with the books, magazines, and newspapers that most interest you. Make sure you are also familiar with documents from the Founding Documents and the Great Global Conversation, as many passages from the Reading Test will be taken from these areas. In addition to working through these lists, you can also build your reading skills by reading the first page of periodicals like *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal* on a daily basis.

The more you can make reading an enjoyable part of your daily life, the more comfortable you will feel with the passages that you will see on the SAT.

## LITERATURE

### GRADE 9/10

Louisa May Alcott, *Little Women*  
Maya Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*  
Piers Anthony, *Split Infinity*  
Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*  
Francis Bok, *Escape from Slavery*  
Ray Bradbury, *Fahrenheit 451*  
Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre*  
Anthony Burgess, *A Clockwork Orange*  
Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist*  
James F. Cooper, *The Last of the Mohicans*  
Daniel Defoe, *Robinson Crusoe*

Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*  
*David Copperfield*  
*Great Expectations*  
*Hard Times*  
*Oliver Twist*

Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*

Alexandre Dumas, *The Count of Monte Cristo*

George Eliot, *Silas Marner*

William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*

Hermann Hesse, *Siddhartha*

Victor Hugo, *Les Miserables*

Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World*

Ken Kesey, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

Sue Monk Kidd, *The Secret Life of Bees*

John Knowles, *A Separate Peace*

William Goldman, *The Princess Bride*

John H. Griffen, *Black Like Me*

John Hersey, *Hiroshima*

S.E. Hinton, *The Outsiders*

John Krakauer, *Into the Wild*  
*Into Thin Air*

Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Lois Lowry, *The Giver*

Yann Martell, *The Life of Pi*

Frank McCourt, *Angela's Ashes*

Arthur Miller, *The Crucible*

George Orwell, *Animal Farm*  
*1984*

Reginald Rose, *Twelve Angry Men*

Edmond Rostand, *Cyrano de Bergerac*

J.D. Salinger, *Catcher in the Rye*

William Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar*  
*The Merchant of Venice*  
*Romeo and Juliet*  
*The Taming of the Shrew*  
*The Tempest*  
*Twelfth Night*

Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*  
Betty Smith, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*  
John Steinbeck, *The Pearl*  
Bram Stoker, *Dracula*  
J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*  
Mark Twain, *The Prince and the Pauper*  
Jules Verne, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*  
John Wyndham, *The Chrysalids*  
Paul Zindel, *The Pigman*

## **GRADE 11/12**

Margaret Atwood, *The Handmaid's Tale*  
Mark Bowden, *Blackhawk Down*  
Emily Brontë, *Wuthering Heights*  
Joseph Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*  
Dante, *Inferno*  
Barbara Ehrenreich, *Nickel and Dimed*  
William Faulkner, *As I Lay Dying*  
*The Sound and the Fury*  
F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*  
Thomas Hardy, *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*  
Ernest Hemingway, *The Sun Also Rises*  
Joseph Heller, *Catch-22*  
Henry James, *The Portrait of a Lady*  
*The Wings of the Dove*  
Sebastian Junger, *A Perfect Storm*  
Sara Lawrence Lightfoot, *Balm in Gilead*  
Ken Kesey, *Sometimes a Great Nation*

Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince*  
*Discourses on Livy*

Gabriel Garcia Marquez, *Love in the Time of Cholera*  
*One Hundred Years of Solitude*

Herman Melville, *Moby Dick*

Toni Morrison, *The Bluest Eye*

Alan Paton, *Cry, the Beloved Country*

Robert M. Pirsig, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*

Sylvia Plath, *The Bell Jar*

Ayn Rand, *Anthem*  
*The Fountainhead*

Erich M. Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*

Eric Schlosser, *Fast Food Nation*

William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*  
*King Lear*  
*Macbeth*

John Steinbeck, *The Acts of King Arthur and His Noble Knights*  
*The Grapes of Wrath*  
*Of Mice and Men*

Amy Tan, *The Joy Luck Club*

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Alice Walker, *The Color Purple*

Edith Wharton, *The Age of Innocence*

T.H. White, *The Once and Future King*

Oscar Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

Evelyn Waugh, *Brideshead Revisited*

Richard Wright, *Black Boy*

Virginia Woolf, *Mrs. Dalloway*  
*To the Lighthouse*

## **MAGAZINES**

*The New York Times Magazine*  
*The New Yorker*

## SCIENCE

### GRADE 9/10

Keith Devlin, *Life by the Numbers*

Dian Fossey, *Gorillas in the Mist*

Stephen Jay Gould, *Wonderful Life*

*The Mismeasure of Man*

Joy Hakim, *The Story of Science*

Lawrence M. Krauss, *A Universe from Nothing*

Siddhartha Mukherjee, *The Emperor of All Maladies*

Nicholas Nicastro, *Circumference: Eratosthenes and the Ancient Quest to Measure the Globe*

Matt Ridley, *Genome: The Autobiography of a Species in 23 Chapters*

Oliver Sacks, *The Man Who Mistook his Wife for a Hat and Other Clinical Tales*

*Musicophilia*

Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*

Rebecca Skloot, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

Jearl Walker, *The Flying Circus of Physics*

### GRADE 11/12

Bill Bryson, *A Short History of Nearly Everything*

Charles Darwin, *The Origin of Species*

Richard Dawkins, *The Selfish Gene*

James Gleick, *Chaos: The Making of New Science*

Brian Greene, *The Elegant Universe*

Stephen Hawking, *A Brief History of Time*

*The Universe in a Nutshell*

Michio Kaku, *Hyperspace*

James Lovelock, *Gaia*

John Allen Paulos, *Innumeracy: Mathematical Illiteracy and its Consequences*

Neil DeGrasse Tyson, *Gravity in Reverse*

Edward O. Wilson, *The Diversity of Life*

## **MAGAZINES**

*National Geographic*

*New Scientist*

*Scientific American*

## **SOCIAL SCIENCE**

### **GRADE 9/10**

Mark Abley, *Spoken Here*

Joan Dash, *The Longitude Prize*

Daniel L Everett, *Don't Sleep, There are Snakes: Life and Language in the Amazonian Jungle*

E.H. Gombrich, *The Story of Art*

Daniel Kahneman, *Thinking Fast and Slow*

Charles C. Mann, *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus*

*1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created*

James Q. Wilson, *Bureaucracy: What Government Agencies Do and Why They Do It*

### **GRADE 11/12**

Akhil Reed Amar, *America's Constitution: A Biography*

Julian Bell, *Mirror of the World: A New History of Art*

Jared Diamond, *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*

*Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*

Malcolm Gladwell, *The Tipping Point*

George Lakoff, *Metaphors We Live By*

David McCullough, *1776*

James M. McPherson, *What They Fought For, 1861-1865*

Steven Pinker, *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence has Declined*

*The Blank State: The Modern Denial of Human Nature*

Robert B. Putman, *Bowling Alone*

Nate Silver, *The Signal and the Noise: Why So Many Predictions Fail – But Some Don't*

Timothy D. Wilson, *Strangers to Ourselves, Discovering the Adaptive Unconscious*

Howard Zinn, *A People's History of the United States*

## **MAGAZINES**

*The Atlantic*

*The Economist*

*National Geographic*

*Time Magazine*

## **FOUNDING DOCUMENTS**

### **GRADE 9/10**

*The Bill of Rights*

*The Constitution of the Iroquois Confederacy*

*Constitution for the United States*

*Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen*

*United States Declaration of Independence*

### **GRADE 11/12**

*Anti-Federalist Papers*

Jonathan Elliot, *The Debates in the Several Conventions on the Adoption of the Federal Constitution*

James Madison, *Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787*

James Madison, Alexander Hamilton & John Jay, *The Federalist Papers*

## **GREAT GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS**

### **GRADE 9/10**

Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Society and Solitude*

Mohandas Gandhi, *Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule*

James Harrington, *Oceana*

Abraham Lincoln, *The Gettysburg Address*

Martin Luther King Jr., *Letter from Birmingham Jail*

Martin Luther King Jr. & Jesse Jackson, *Why We Can't Wait*

Suzanne McIntire (editor), *American Heritage Book of Great American Speeches for Young People*

John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty*

*Considerations on Representative Government*

Henry David Thoreau, *Walden*

Alex de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*

Anna Quindlen, *A Quilt of a Country*

## **GRADE 11/12**

Isaiah Berlin, *Four Essays on Liberty*

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*

Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*

John Locke, *Second Treatise of Civil Government*

Montesquieu, *The Spirit of the Laws*

Thomas Paine, *The Rights of Man*

*Common Sense*

Quercus (editor), *The Greatest American Speeches*

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin and Basis of Inequality Among Men*

*The Social Contract*

Willian Safire (editor), *Lend Me Your Ears: Great Speeches in History*

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, *The Woman's Bible*

Gregory Suriano (editor), *Great American Speeches*

Woodrow Wilson, *Congressional Government*

Max Weber, *Politics as a Vocation*

Mary Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*

Malcolm X, *By Any Means Necessary*

## **NEWSPAPERS**

*The New York Times*

*The Wall Street Journal*